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1. After the evacuation of Japanese Nationals during the winter of 1945-46 approximately 330 Japanese remained in Tsinan at the request of the Chinese National Government. They were assigned technical and "kindred" jobs in Tsinan. Although the Japanese were poorly treated, having their possessions confiscated in the latter part of 1946, the majority do not wish to be repatriated because they are being paid for their work and because the treatment of the Japanese has improved.
2. Among those remaining are the following: 30 doctors and nurses in the Provincial Hospital, 20 troop instructors, 15 persons in the Tsao Chih Kung Chang paper mill and 20 in the Nationalist Arsenal. There are also some Japanese in the Tsinan Power Plant, but the number employed there is unknown. (Tsinan note: The Railway Administration also employs Japanese and pays them the same salary as that given the Chinese, but the Director of the Administration admits that more "squeeze" is taken from them than from Chinese in similar positions.)
3. There are Japanese in the Tsinan 8th Street Jail awaiting trial. Some were arrested without fixed charges and have been held for six to twelve months without trial. A former gendarme captain named Yonekura, who was declared innocent of war crimes, is still being held in jail. The former Japanese consul in Tsinan a Mr. Arino who assisted American missionaries during the war, is also being held without trial. The prisoners receive no medical care nor proper food. They have for an interpreter a Korean who speaks very little Japanese, and requests for a better interpreter are ignored.

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